

REMARKS

In response to the outstanding Office Action, Applicant has cancelled claim 2 and amended claim 1 to incorporate its limitations. The Examiner indicated that claim 2, if re-written in independent form would be allowable. Accordingly, it is submitted that claim 1 is allowable. Further, inasmuch as the remaining claims all depend, directly or indirectly from claim 1, it is submitted that all the claims pending for examination, namely, claims 1 and 3-6 are now in condition for allowance, which early action is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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